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South Pima Regional Partnership Council

Call to Order/Welcome and Council Introductions

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First South Pima Regional Partnership Council was held on January 16, 2014 at the Arivaca Action Center, Arivaca Action Center 15925 Universal Ranch Road, Arivaca, Arizona 85601.

Chair Connie Espinoza called the meeting to order at approximately 9:32 a.m.

Members Present: Connie Espinoza, Tony Bruno, Fran Driver, Debbie Palmer, Cheryl McGlothlen, and Cyndi Barningham
Members Absent: Paul Ohm, Nathan McCann, and Susan Pace

Call to Public

Fania Bevill, *Easter Seals Blake Foundation*: Ms. Bevill introduced herself to the Regional Council and provided information to the members regarding the MIECHV funded Nurse Family Partnership grant in zip code 85706.

Gloria Williams, *Sopori School and Arivaca Action Center*: Ms. Williams thanked and welcomed the Regional Council back to the Arivaca Action Center, and shared the progress and success of the Early Learning Center onsite.

Julie Friberg, *Make Way for Books*: Ms. Friberg provided a handout and information to the Regional Council about recent and upcoming workshops, particularly to providers in Ajo and Arivaca.

Vanessa Felty, *United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona*: Ms. Felty thanked the Regional Council for continuing to fund the Service Coordination grant and provided information about the previous and upcoming quarterly meetings. She gave updates on resources provided to communities.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by member Tony Bruno that the South Pima Regional Partnership Council approve the minutes of the November 21, 2013 South Pima Regional Partnership Council meeting as presented, seconded by member Cyndi Barningham. Member Debbie Palmer stated there was a mistake on page (3) in the first paragraph (motion). Administrative assistant McDonald confirmed that the rest of the sentence after the motion carried was an error and needed to be removed, as neither member McGlothlen nor member Palmer had conflicts with that strategy. Member Tony Bruno amended his motion to approve the minutes with the correction stated, seconded by member Cyndi Barningham. Motion carried.

Discussion: SFY14 Quarter 1 Data Report

Chair Connie Espinoza introduced the agenda item and turned the floor over to Regional Director Eleanor Droegemeier. Ms. Droegemeier provided an overview of the data report, providing the regional council with additional context where needed. She asked members if they had any questions and informed them the narrative report summary would be provided to them at the next meeting. No members had questions.

Discussion: Systems Building – Action Plan Development

Chair Connie Espinoza introduced the agenda item and turned the floor over to Ms. Droegemeier. Ms. Droegemeier directed their attention to the document provided on Systems Building. Members prioritized their previously identified topics, highlighting unregulated care. Members then had discussion and shared ideas specifically around the issue of unregulated care and how to best reach out and extend supports to the Pima County Parks and Recreation KAPP program. Ms. Droegemeier commended members for their ideas and reminded them that FTF's role as a community partner was to help other community programs be aware of FTF and partner resources. She asked for action steps, and members determined they would like staff to determine when and where the program was occurring, and reaching out to see if they could utilize resources. Member Barningham said she found this "think tank" process useful and hoped the council would use it again for other topics in the future.

Community Awareness and Outreach Update

Chair Connie Espinoza introduced the agenda item and turned the floor over to Ms. DeMars. Ms. DeMars highlighted a few items from her report and shared quotes gathered from council and community members regarding the importance of early childhood.

Regional Director's Report

Ms. Droegemeier briefly went over the expenditure report. She provided updates on the recent and upcoming Quality Assurance visits, contract renewals, professional REWARD\$, the recent and upcoming Board meetings and upcoming events.

General Discussion

Member Tony Bruno shared detailed information about the FTF Statewide Finance Committee meeting, its possible future impacts on regions and stated that he would be attending the next meeting in March. Chair Connie Espinoza suggested that Member Bruno be added to the agenda for the regular South Pima meeting following that meeting, to provide another update and allow for more discussion. Member Tony Bruno concurred. Vice Chair Fran Driver informed the Regional Council about the Desert Senita Community Health Clinic Fun Run 5k fundraiser in Ajo February 22nd and invited anyone interested to attend.

Call to the Public

Vanessa Felty, *United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona*: Ms. Felty provided additional updates about the Early Childhood Rural Provider Conference, an outside agency grant obtained to expand the Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Home Visitation program, and the United Way free tax program, VITA.

Next Meeting – February 13, 2014 – Desert Senita Health Center, 410 N. Malacate Street, Ajo, AZ 85321

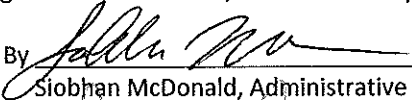
Chair Espinoza reminded the Council members that the February meeting will take place on the 2nd Thursday of the month instead of the 3rd and asked if the council would like to move the meeting time to 10:00 a.m. to allow additional travel time for members.


A motion was made by member Debbie Palmer that the South Pima Regional Council change the meeting time of the February meeting to 10:00 a.m., seconded by member Cyndi Barningham. Motion carried.

Chair Espinoza stated that additionally, when the meeting schedule was originally developed last summer, the March meeting was scheduled as tentative because of the possibility of a forum with FTF Board members. The Regional Council members met with the State Board at a luncheon in December instead. She asked if the council wanted to meet in March. Ms. Espinoza also reminded the members that it will be critical to have all members participate in the April meeting because that is when recommendations for contract renewals will need to be approved. Member Cyndi Barningham suggested the council hold off determining if a March meeting is needed until the February meeting. Members concurred.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chair Connie Espinoza adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:49 a.m.

Submitted By 
Siobhan McDonald, Administrative Assistant

Approved By 
Connie Espinoza, Chair

Dated this 13 day of February, 2014.